

CLAIMS

1. A process for producing a transgenic plant which accumulates a fructooligosaccharide, comprising: transforming a plant with a gene construct comprising a gene encoding β -fructofuranosidase capable of converting sucrose into a fructooligosaccharide.
2. The process according to claim 1, wherein the gene encoding β -fructofuranosidase is derived from a microorganism belonging to genus *Aspergillus*, genus *Penicillium*, or genus *Scopulariopsis*.
3. The process according to claim 2, wherein the gene encoding β -fructofuranosidase is derived from *Aspergillus niger*.
4. The process according to claim 1, wherein the gene encoding β -fructofuranosidase is selected from the group consisting of:
 - (a) a gene consisting of the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO: 1,
 - (b) a gene comprising the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO: 1,
 - (c) a gene comprising a nucleotide sequence in which one or plural nucleotides are deleted, substituted, or added in the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO: 1, and encoding β -fructofuranosidase capable of converting sucrose into a fructooligosaccharide, and
 - (d) a gene comprising a nucleotide sequence having a 85% or more homology with that of SEQ ID NO: 1, and encoding β -fructofuranosidase capable of converting sucrose into a fructooligosaccharide.
5. The process according to any one of claims 1 to 4, wherein the gene construct comprises a gene which encodes β -fructofuranosidase and is operably linked to a constitutive promoter, an organ-specific promoter, or a developmental-specific promoter.

6. The process according to claim 5, wherein the promoter is selected from the group consisting of:
 - (i) a CaMV35S promoter,
 - (ii) a sweet potato sporamin A promoter, and
 - (iii) a sweet potato sporamin B promoter.
7. The process according to any one of claims 1 to 6, wherein the transgenic plant is a dicotyledonous plant or a monocotyledonous plant.
8. The process according to claim 7, wherein the transgenic plant is a plant belonging to Solanaceae, Chenopodiaceae, or Gramineae (Poaceae).
9. The process according to claim 8, wherein the transgenic plant is Nicotiana sp., Beta sp. or Saccharum sp.
10. A transgenic plant produced by the process according to any one of claims 1 to 9, or a progeny plant thereof.
11. A seed of the transgenic plant or progeny thereof according to claim 10.
12. A process for manufacturing a fructooligosaccharide, comprising:
cultivating the transgenic plant or progeny thereof according to claim 10 or the seed according to claim 11, and collecting a fructooligosaccharide accumulated in the plant body.